

Recreational And Cultural Interest Signing On Highways Other Than Freeways And Guide Signing For Recreational Information Centers

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Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to define the proper use of signing for recreational/cultural interest facilities and for recreational/cultural information centers on state highways other than freeways.

Policy

UDOT, by Administrative Rule, has adopted the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) as its standard for warranting and applying all traffic control devices. The MUTCD provides specific criteria for guide and destination signing on highways. The MUTCD also recognizes the need for recreational and cultural interest signing and provides general guidelines for this type of signing. This policy is adopted in recognition of the need for an orderly and uniform application of recreational and cultural interest signing.

Signing for major recreational/cultural interest destinations on highways other than freeways will be allowed under the guidelines as prescribed in the MUTCD and this policy.

1. Signs for recreational/cultural interest destinations shall not be installed without prior approval of the Division of Traffic and Safety.
2. Signing for recreational/cultural interest destinations is considered supplemental to overall signing and may not be installed where there is insufficient longitudinal spacing from adjacent signing of higher priority.
3. Signs for recreational/cultural interest destinations shall be located in advance of the closest intersection that provides the most direct and best route to the destination(s). Normally, a sign at the cross street is all that is necessary to provide direction to the destination(s) that may be reached from the intersection. However, an additional advance sign may be located 1/4 to 1/2 mile from the intersection.
4. The recreational/cultural interest destination signs may contain up to three destinations. In the event there are more than three qualifying destinations, the three which create the greatest traffic demand should be shown. Selection of the qualifying destinations shall be coordinated with the local governmental agency.
5. A confirmation mileage sign should be installed on the cross street for destinations further than 1 mile from the intersecting route.

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When the destination is not located on the crossroad, or is not readily visible from the crossroad, trailblazers shall be installed.

When the destination is not located on a state highway, signing shall not be installed for the facility until the local governmental agency has installed appropriate trailblazing signs.

The access road(s) to the facility must be traversable under normal weather conditions by 2-wheel drive passenger vehicles.

6. Except for major traffic generators, the destination should be located no more than 25 miles from the highway intersection.

Signing may contain the name of the recreational or cultural interest destination with a maximum of three symbols showing the types of recreation available.

Signing for a seasonal destination shall be covered or removed at the end of each season.

7. Those communities, or other geographical areas, which may contain several recreational/cultural interest facilities are encouraged to establish recreational/cultural information centers to which the Department may guide interested parties from the State Highway System.

These recreational/cultural information centers are to be reasonably accessible from the State Highway System and shall afford adequate parking facilities for interested parties. These centers shall be staffed not less than eight hours per day, seven days per week and shall be sponsored by an impartial group representing the area. These centers shall provide telephone, rest room, and drinking water facilities to visitors or shall provide access to such facilities.

Any community developing such a center, meeting the requirements presented above, shall qualify for recreational/cultural interest guide signing from the State Highway System to the center. The signing to be provided by the Department shall be white legend on brown background.

Isolated recreational/cultural facilities in rural areas may be signed specifically; for example, "Ski Area" or "Camping Area".

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8. Destinations which may be signed for include:
 - A. Recreational
 - (1) National Parks
 - (2) National Forests
 - (3) National Recreation Areas
 - (4) National Monuments
 - (5) State Parks
 - (6) Lakes/Dams and other Geographical Areas
 - (7) Ski Areas
 - (8) Other Recreational Facilities/Areas
 - B. Cultural
 - (1) National Historic Sites
 - (2) National Landmarks
 - (3) Museums of Regional Significance
 - (4) Civic Centers
 - (5) State and County Fairgrounds
9. Destinations which normally should be excluded from highway signing include:
 - (1) Churches
 - (2) Libraries
 - (3) Clubs
 - (4) Elementary, Middle, Jr. High, and High Schools
 - (5) Shopping Centers
 - (6) Private Businesses
 - (7) Subdivisions
 - (8) City and County Parks
 - (9) Police/Fire Stations
 - (10) Post Offices
 - (11) Court Houses
 - (12) Privately-owned Museums
 - (13) Theaters
 - (14) Cemeteries
 - (15) Prisons
 - (16) Power Plants
 - (17) Seminaries
 - (18) Historical Homes or Buildings